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"I loved the idea and as a Canadian history major, it has been great fun re-learning a lot of Canada's history and discovering many incredible stories," he wrote in an email to the paper.

Alan's Canada 150 Challenge No. 36: Nanaimo Bars. Yes, this All-Canadian dessert really does come from the Vancouver Island city. Well, probably. It seems to make sense that more than one person had probably come up with the idea of sandwiching a soft layer of yellow custard between rich chocolate on a cookie crumb base. But the first known recipe appeared 65 years ago in the Nanaimo Hospital's Women's Auxiliary cookbook except it was called a "chocolate square." A year later, the Edith Adams cookbook came out with a similar recipe for "Nanaimo Bars". Except there is no Edith Adams - she was a fictional personality invented by the Vancouver Sun. Suffice to say Nanaimo has solidly laid claim to the dessert. In 1986 the city had a contest to come up with the best Nanaimo Bar recipe. Photo courtesy of Alan Clark

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Welcome back, summer friends

JANET TRULL
Special to *County Life*

Hurray, hurray!
Long weekend in May!
Cottage season starts today!

I love Victoria Day Weekend. It is a reunion of our summer selves with the Haliburton Highlands. All winter long, most of the cottages on my road have been abandoned. I had some lonely walks, looking at darkened windows and dreaming of this weekend in May. The grand opening. Flags are raised, docks are retrieved and the party gets underway. Music, campfires, children's voices, barking dogs. It is like someone opened a package labelled "summer" and the season popped out, ready to assemble.

"Why do people love it so?" a friend asks. "The traffic, the black flies, the mouldy mattresses!"

Why? Good question. There will be mice droppings to deal with. There will be some unforeseen maintenance due to a fallen tree or a rotting board on the deck. I know that the boat probably won't start and we will have to visit the marina for parts. I know that there will be an issue with the water line. The pump or the foot valve or a break in the pipe. The one that is so far under the cottage that you have to crawl, inch by inch on your knees through rotting leaves.

But I also know, for sure, that the lake will connect me to some deep forgotten memory of who I really am. Who I want to be. Who I want my children and grandchildren to be. The kind of person who can sit in stillness at the water's edge, listening for the universe to share its secrets.

I feel the vibration of the heron's wings before I see him. Hello, old friend, solitary and shy. You have survived the winter. So have I. The loon calls out a welcome back. A woodpecker taps. The moon rises.

This is my heart's home, beneath the pines and hemlocks.

The cottage is a place of comfort clothing and comfort food. It is a place where everyone has a project without a timeline. A place without expectations. A place to just be. At some point in the long weekend, you will look around and ask, "Where did everybody go?" That is when you will know that you have successfully acclimatized to cottage time. Seconds expand into luxurious hours. Your family is hiding in plain sight, napping in the hammock, paddling the canoe, bent over a jigsaw puzzle on the screened-in porch. There is time for work and time for play and time for rest and time to be content. Alone time and together time.

Do not expect the sun to shine every day. If the long weekend in May was about the weather, we might have quit celebrating a long time ago. I am not going to put the flannelette sheets in the cedar chest just yet, but there's no turning back now. Summer is coming. Welcome home, summer friends. The Highlands are happy to have you back.

There is time for work, time for play, time for rest and time to be content

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The price of admission

STEVE GALEA
Walking Softly

Some people believe that a walk in nature is free. Those of us who do so regularly know otherwise.

This thought occurred to me as I made my way through a tangle of raspberry and blackberry canes that serve as a gateway to a patch of woods I have come to appreciate. For those thorny canes made me pay a toll in scratches that drew blood from my legs and arms.

Yet, for that paltry price, I was able to step into the hardwoods, where light and shade made their peace, where ferns were unfurling and leaves, shiny and new, were easing free of their buds. It was a place where spring beauties peeked out from beneath the duff and the promise of the new season hung heavy in the air.

In those woods, the chickadees sang their song of "hey, hey sweetie" and ovenbirds bounced through the undergrowth. There, where nuthatches called frantically in voices much too loud for their size, the coolness gave way to the high sun's rays and a sense of calm and peace prevailed.

The price of admission to this fine place was a donation to the black flies that followed me as I quietly wandered.

It was small payment for the solitude found and the wonder felt.

It was a ticket that allowed me to examine an old weather beaten hemlock that housed at least two dozen nesting cavities. A person uncomfortable with paying this price might not have imagined how many birds found their start within those holes. Nor would they have wondered if the smaller sizes of those cavities housed different species or were merely works in progress.

Yet I did, because there is value in something paid for in sweat and blood. And there is a story and purpose in everything if you look hard enough.

That is why I walked the spine of that boulder strewn ridge. That is why I headed towards a small meandering brook, flush with spring runoff. My goal was to sit on its banks and listen to its music for a while.

The flies, I suppose, thought that was a good idea too; they followed and gathered friends along the way.

Yet, just as I thought the price was getting too high, a deer leapt up from a mound on the far bank of that little brook and it bounded gracefully across the cane filled cut beyond.

I walked to where that deer had lain. And, from that mound, where the whispering breeze and shade kept the black flies at bay, where the deer could watch its surroundings for danger, I listened to the brook's bubbly song and noticed a trout lily standing proudly, a speck of new and fresh bright yellow among the snow-flattened canes.

And I quickly realized, this was a bargain.

A donation made to the black flies is the price of admission to the solitude of the forest in spring.

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Make it Personal

JANICE BISHOP

Cottage Rental Tips

Making a personal connection will start your renter's holiday off on the right foot. It creates a positive mind-set that will last their entire vacation.

Cottage rental agencies take the time to get to know your renters so they already have an established relationship before they come to your cottage. If you are handling your own rentals, it will be your responsibility to establish this relationship.

Chat with your renters a few times before they come to your cottage. Establish a relationship. You want renters to feel comfortable calling you with problems. This communication is important as small problems can become large problems.

Your efforts will be well rewarded. Renters make more of an effort to clean when they are dealing with people instead of corporations.

First impressions count. When renters step into your cottage and see a personal note, a bottle of wine, or a plate of cookies, it creates good will. It instantly converts their experience from renter to welcomed guest.

It's the personal touches that make cottage rentals special. Each cottage is equipped with a unique blend of extras such as spices in the cupboards, DVDs, games, toys… they all add to the enjoyment of your cottage.

Janice Bishop is the owner of All-Season Cottage Rentals and has worked within the tourism industry for over 40 years.

letters to the editor

Cat problem is people problem

To the Editor,

I caught a short item in *County Life*, regarding the Highland Grove Museum. The museum article touched on fishers, and their agility, and mentioned they are controlling the cat population around Highland Grove. Not mentioned was what happens when they enter a house through a pet door, or gain access to a chicken coop. That they go into a killing frenzy and kill everything in sight. One winter I found a porcupine on my driveway, a victim of their ferocity. It had been flipped upside down and the remaining carcass was surrounded by a 20 foot blood and body part splatter on the white snow. I would remind the writer that the cat problem he referred to is actually a people problem! Those are the individuals who shouldn't have pets but acquire them, don't spay or neuter, then dump the hapless animals at the side of the road...hence the referred to cat problem. Too bad they didn't make fishers big enough to deal with the people problem, it sure would take care of the cat problem once and for all!

Keith Stata
Kinmount

Life itself inspires art

LAURIE JONES

Special to *County Life*

I am a member of a small group of local ukulele aficionados that meets every other week to play together at Rails End Gallery and Arts Centre. That is how I came to be at the Haliburton screening of *Maudie* at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion in the high school (what a great cultural facility!). We were the "lobby act" strumming a few old-timey classics, as the crowd flowed in to watch this highly acclaimed film about one of Canada's best known folk artists, Nova Scotia's Maude Lewis (1903-1970). Written by Sherry White, *Maudie* first opened at Toronto International Film Festival (TIFF) in 2016. (It was filmed in Newfoundland, although Lewis lived her whole life in Nova Scotia; the reason being the Nova Scotia government film credit program had been eliminated, Newfoundland's had not) I was moved by this film, and watched misery pile up relentlessly through teary eyes.

On my drive home under a brilliant rising moon down the lonely road to Gooderham I thought of Maude's conversation with her New York patron. She was describing where her ideas came from; and said something to the effect of "it's all right out there, framed for you by the window, it's life."

She's right. It is life itself that inspires art.

Maudie showed us all that and more. It showed us about domestic abuse, neglect, living with disability, rural poverty, financial misappropriation, adoption rights, elder abuse, and the power of art to transform and change lives. It is the story of everyone with a dream and the grit to stick with it in the face of adversity. And it's a love story.

Maude Lewis grew up learning not to expect too much from anyone, least of all herself. Watching Maude dip her fingertip in housepaint, to soothe herself after being smacked across the face by Everitt, and make those first marks on the wall set the tone for the rest of the movie. In another time she might have reached out for help, received government assistance, gone to a women's shelter or turned to pharmaceuticals. Maude turned to art and it was her raison d'etre.

While Everitt Lewis never stopped her from creating, he did not make it easy, and only when he saw the economic benefit did he support it. The audience got a good laugh at his expense to see him darning socks while Maude painted flowers for the tourists. She could have painted her miserable living conditions, but instead she decorated her walls and created a childlike world of colour where two damaged people got to know and understand one another. Had she lived in another time or place she might not be so famous, I don't know.

I do know that her kind of art, "folk art," is being made in homes all over the world every day by humans compelled to decorate their lives, record daily life and live well. And that is why art matters to us all. To learn more check out the Canadian Index of Well Being (CIWB) www.communityhealthandwellbeing.org/canadian-index-wellbeing.

Laurie Jones is the curator of the Rails End Gallery.

The trend toward unaltered food

GEORGE FARRELL
Special to *County Life*

Permaculturist Ross Daniels holds one of his chickens in this file photo. He says there is a growing market for sheep, lamb and goats raised locally. JENN WATT Staff

During the last few years more and more people have become supportive of organically grown produce and many now prefer to eat foods grown or raised naturally. The Canadian Food Inspection Agency restricts the use of "natural" to foods that have not been significantly altered by processing, and growing numbers of people have also independently reached the conclusion that eating vegetables grown without the widespread use of insecticides, herbicides, pesticides, and fungicides, is better for their own health and the health of the environment. There are also more people who no longer eat meat from livestock fed on genetically altered crops, or which have ingested hormones and/or antibiotics.

While I've been aware of the movement towards more naturally grown produce, it was not until a recent meeting with Ross Daniels, and our subsequent interview, that my knowledge on the subject was significantly expanded.

Daniels is the owner/operator of Market Garden Farm and CSA, (customer supported agriculture), and he's been "litmus testing" certain methods of growing vegetables, while concentrating on animal food sources like sheep and chickens, which he raises humanely.

"There's a growing market for sheep, lambs and goats, both locally and in a wider area," Daniels stated. "People in the Highlands like to eat lamb that is grown locally instead of it coming from New Zealand. And there are so many new Canadians, especially from West Asia, who are used to eating what we would call non-traditional foods, such as goat meat."

Daniels went on to educate me on CSAs. It's a system where a community of customers gives support to a farmer so that the farmer and customers both share the benefits of crops, and the risks of farming.

Customers become shareholders or members of the farm, and pay in advance to cover costs and the farmer's salary. In return they partake of the seasonally fresh produce. Farmers benefit by the pre-paid capital and by not having to transport their crops great distances. Daniels cited such local organizations as Waverley Brook Farms, Graham's Farm Market, Owl Farms and Grains CSA as examples.

Traditionally, large farms in Canada, that are concerned with mass food production mainly produce wheat, corn and soy, but the trend toward market gardens is providing customers with healthy food to eat, based on what foods they want. So now the general public, green grocers and chefs can buy directly from farmers or from farmers' markets. In the Highlands we are fortunate in having farmers' markets in Minden, Haliburton and Carnarvon.

CSAs and market gardens are examples of "farming by the masses as opposed to mass farming, which is simply no longer sustainable," Daniels said.

"People are becoming more aware of where their food is coming from, and they want to consume food that is produced in a sustainable manner that is ethical, and they are interested in farmers being stewards to the land and to the livestock, like farmers were at the turn of the century," Daniels said.

"Moving forward I would like to see more people producing food in their own backyards and buying more foods grown in their own communities."

Daniels cited both Harvest Haliburton and Abbey Gardens as organizations that help people who want to move away from mass produced foods.

Harvest Haliburton liaises between the community and the Ontario government on issues of local food production, and according to Daniels, Abbey Gardens' real strength lies in its educational component.

"Education is the key to learning about what's going on, how our food is produced and how we can do things differently," Daniels said.

If you want to find out more about local food production, how to grow your own organic vegetables or how to humanely raise livestock, try talking to the people in the booths at our local farmers' markets.

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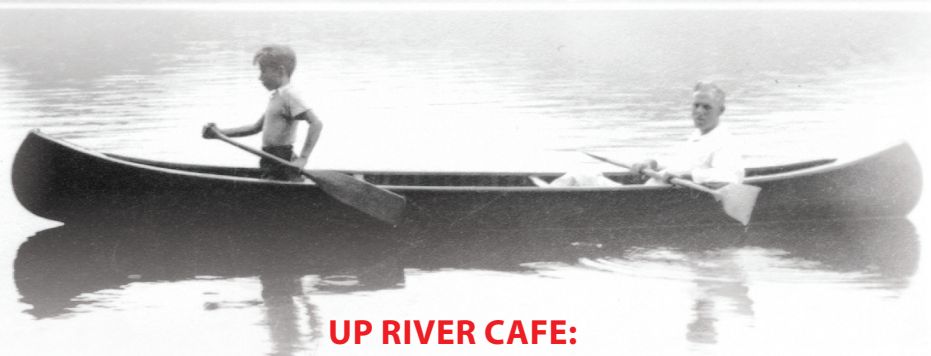

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Gardening in the Wild: The May Two-Four Kickoff

The weather could be foul. There is always a chance of rain, hail or even snow. Even if it is bright and sunny, nightfall might usher in a hard frost. And yet, Canadians head out to the local garden centres in droves to purchase supplies for the official opening of the garden season, the Victoria Day long weekend.

This annual pilgrimage has always intrigued me, so I hunkered down with a hot chocolate and did some research to help me understand what inspires this green-centred holiday madness.

BELINDA GALLAGHER
Garden Musings

In 1845, the newish legislative assembly of the Province of Canada went looking for some common ground between English and French Canadians and a way to distinguish Canadian culture from that of the Americans. The fondness for Queen Victoria provided a solution. May 24, Queen Victoria's birthday, was declared an official public holiday, known as the Queen's Birthday.

Up until that time, honouring the royal's birthdays usually meant military parades and reviews or just marching around the town with muskets followed by a brew or two at a local tavern. The transformation from military review to public holiday meant that the celebrations grew to include picnics, parades, band concerts, sporting events and fireworks. The Canadian Royal Heritage Trust Site notes, "the key point that needs to be made is that these celebrations reflected not the ideas and tastes of the governments of the day but the ideas and tastes of the people. And that is why the Queen's Birthday has always been celebrated in such diverse and ordinary ways, as well as grand ways, across the country."

Weather was also associated with the Queen's Birthday as warmer temperatures arrived in most parts of the country about that time in May – hence the moniker Queen's weather. Victoria Day weekend became the unofficial end of the winter social season and the beginning of the summer events. One could officially wear white clothes or white shoes, the summer residence could be opened and, yes, you could plant your garden!

So there we have it. We have been planting in the sketchy weather of late May since Confederation! It is no wonder that we also call the Victoria Day weekend, May two-four, in honour of the case of beer needed to keep warm during all that planting.

Assuming inclement weather of some sort, the next consideration is which plants will cope with the conditions and give us the greatest chance of gardening success?

May is the perfect time to plant perennials, shrubs and trees. The cooler temperatures and likelihood of rain means that newly planted specimens have time for the roots to settle and get functioning before hot and dry summer weather. Most of these types of plants will have spent some time outdoors already so will not be bothered by frost or strong sunshine.

The key when shopping for perennials is to look for plants that have fresh, healthy foliage and preferably not in flower (unless they are early spring bloomers). Plants forced into bloom just to look pretty on the shelves are not necessarily ready for outdoors. In the same vein, trees and shrubs should be showing buds or early growth, not fully mature leaves as that is an indicator of forcing.

The colourful annuals that we desperately need after long winters are the main attraction on Victoria Day weekend, but they are also the most problematic. Many of the beloved baskets are full of tropical bloomers that have been coddled in warm, humid greenhouse conditions. Not quite ready for

see page 9

Coleus is a Victorian favourite.

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Haliburton spring, they must be moved inside if frost is forecast.

Four years out of five I jump the gun and purchase annuals before the weather warms and then spend morning and evening transporting baskets and trays from patio to garage for a few nights. But it is worth it to get the baskets that I want and just the right colour of petunias. A few cool season annual plants can be put in the garden now – snapdragons, sweet alyssum, and cornflowers and you can plant seeds of sweet peas or calendula.

If you are a "foodie" gardener, you will be planning the vegetable plot. Fortunately, there are several types of veggies that can be planted in cool weather and cool soil. In fact, some actually prefer the cool. Cold season plants include broccoli, cauliflower, onion sets, and my personal favourite, kale. Seed that tolerates the cold soil includes beets, carrots, Swiss chard, lettuce and spinach.

But do yourself a real gardening favour and hold back your tomatoes, peppers and squash for a couple weeks. And for sure keep those extravagant, overstuffed, Victorian-style hanging baskets for a belated Queens's birthday – perhaps June?

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Responsible renting – legislate or educate

Noise, fireworks, late parties and environmental issues – as more cottages are being rented, with many not through traditional rental agencies, these concerns are growing. Our municipal politicians have been facing demands to do something.

Do they have the ability to control this situation?

Should we educate before we legislate?

In a conversation between Coalition of Haliburton Property Owners Associations (CHA) chair Paul MacInnes and Dysart et al CAO Tamara Wilbee an idea was hatched.

Could we use the back of the CHA Shoreline Insert that Dysart was going to put in their taxes to get info out on this important topic?

When the CHA looked at this issue the biggest concern was the potential damage to our lakes.

While the noise and parties go away extra phosphorous discharged into our lakes from overloaded septic systems stays forever with potentially disastrous consequences. Phosphorous is the No. 1 contributor to blue green algae blooms and the largest source of phosphorous is septic systems – particularly overloaded ones.

With help from experts the one pager was developed. Three of four municipalities will insert it into their final tax bills.

The CHA Rental posters, originally developed in partnership with Trent University have been updated and are available on the CHA website. Many of the CHA member lake associations are distributing these posters to folks who rent.

Let's hope that folks who rent take heed and we avoid damaging our lakes.

This information is provided by the Coalition of Haliburton Property Owners Associations. For more information, resources and tips, go to their website www.cohpoa.org. The next Around Our Lake will appear June 27 and will run each week throughout the summer.

We will also be running a lake calendar with events. Send them in for free to classifieds@haliburtonpress.com.

Renting Your Cottage?

It's in your best interest to protect your investment and your lake.

Here are 3 simple suggestions:

1. Ensure that you do not have an overcapacity crowd in your cottage

Capacity = # of bedrooms X 2

For example: A *3 bedroom cottage should not have more than 6 overnight occupants. If you have more people than that = Raw sewage enters your tile bed and the water table = you run a serious risk of having to replace your tile bed, costing thousands of $, and polluting your lake.*

2. Post the C.H.A. Rental Posters in the kitchen , washroom, laundry room and garbage areas

Help your guests who may not be used to lake life and septic systems with practical tips:

http://www.cohpoa.org/resources/renting-your-cottage/

3. Let your renters know that you are part of a lake community

Many people come to the lake for the peace and tranquility – ask them, kindly, that they respect this fact – particularly after dark.

Happy renters, Happy you and Happy lake!

Bathroom

☒ DON'T

X Use automatic toilet bowl cleaners.

X Use anti-bacterial products

X Put paper towel, tissue, hair, wipes (*even ones marked 'flushable'*), or feminine products (*no tampons*) down the toilet.

X Put anything down the toilet other than natural waste and toilet paper.

√ DO

√ Use non- antibacterial soap.

√ Use biodegradable cleaners (phosphate and chlorine free).

√ add ½ cup of **ecoethic Septic Treatment** to toilet monthly.

√ Limit the amount of toilet paper used.

√ Conserve water to avoid overload to septic system.

*Septic systems need bacteria to properly function, thus anti-bacterial products are not good for the system.

Your system can only handle the volume of water and waste from the number of people it was designed for!

#of bedrooms x 2 people = capacity

*The toilet, sink and shower are connected to the septic tank, a system of tanks that allows waste to filter 'slowly' into the ground.

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I stand, like a sapling, absorbing the
brightness of the light,
after days of Rain, that rinses the
weariness from my eyes.
The grass glistens yellow, the Air
throbs green, the buds are swelling on
the branches of trees.
I am bursting with a secret, childlike
glee, as I crouch down to finger the
shaggy heads of the
dandelions carpeting the grass, my
hands shrinking as they remember
picking clumps of dandelions, twining
them together
with a stem, then licking the sticki-
ness off my fingers with my tongue,
as I run back Home with the bou-
quet of yellow flowers that always
made a smile bloom on my
Mama's face.
The honking of geese interrupts my
reverie.
I rumple the dandelion heads good-
bye, and continue walking along the
path, squinting up at the pair of geese,
flapping their wings in the river of
light,
envying them their flight back to
where they belong, back to the land of
lakes and hills, that
will cradle them until they leave
again.
The sound of their honking lingers
in my ears, long after their wings dis-
appear from the Sky.
A longing for a place, or maybe just
a feeling, begins to swell inside me, as
I meander along the river, to no place
in particular and back,
my feet leading me when I don't
always know.
I stop and squat by the dandelions
again, a pang of nostalgia piercing my
chest, knowing that
soon the dandelions will be dead,
their heads shredded by a lawn-
mower to manicure the grass.
I pick one to bring back Home, then
another, then a few more,
grateful for these beautiful weeds
that plant the seeds of longing deep in
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I remember singing a song at summer camp years ago:

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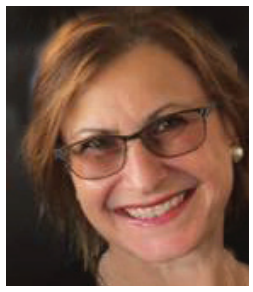
That the animal part of the human heart has finally gone berserk.

Well, it just may be that what you see is the storm before tranquility

And the world isn't coming to an end, my friend, the world's just coming to a start.

I feel it in my heart. The world is coming to a start!"

I was working in the camp office at the time and was surprised to learn the song wasn't inspired by what was happening in the news of the day, but was written, I think, in the 1940s.



MARCI MANDEL

On the White Trail

Those lyrics have stuck in my mind and I'm amazed how relevant, how timely, they continuously are. Funny how it always feels like the world is about to come to an end.

Since November and the American elections, not to mention all the devastation around the world including Syria, Standing Rock, and even the Gull River basin, the intensity of this feeling just seems to have multiplied. Recently, I began to wonder about fear – deeply wonder about it and the hold it had on me. Fear had become so big I couldn't see it all, so big it was trapping and depressing me. Sure, traumatic things had happened, but my reaction hadn't always been in proportion. It was more like present minor events were triggering something much deeper. It was like fear, and even terror, were passed down in my DNA for me to keep re-experiencing. It was like I was constantly reliving emotional events from my forefathers – from being chased by saber tooth tigers, to being enslaved by this or that despot, to surviving countless famines and religious wars. Fear, and anxiety, it felt, had been bred in my bones.

But there was something in the air earlier this year – with the inauguration, with the Bell Let's Talk campaign and several celebrities coming out and talking about their mental health problems – guiding me to walk right into the anxiety of my past and stand still with it and say hello. Hello, anxiety. Hello, fear of my parents. Hello, terror of all my ancestors. Hello. Who are you?

And a flood of images and emotion were released.

I stayed still in the emotion – with the emotion – and soon we both began to soften.

Mayday is shortened from "venez m'aider," meaning "come and help me." Lots of hands have been in Minden doing just that. Thank you all!
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And then the fear wasn't out there - huge, looming - anymore. It was inside me, with me, as a companion. We no longer were separate.

And as I held it in my heart, sorrow washed through us both.

What remained was a tender openness, a surrender that comes after having had enough experience with fear grabbing me by the throat, trying to get my attention. Thank you for the gift of the warning. Thank you for reminding me it is always my choice to harden or soften my heart, to be a victim or a master of my destiny, to separate from or speak out and take charge of the present moment. Thank you for helping me remember who I am not and who I am.

Neuroscience has shown the body doesn't know the difference between thoughts and acts of fear so will produce stress hormones either way. Worrying about possible future events is where anxiety comes from and accounts for most illness. After seeing pictures of icebergs around Newfoundland this spring, it occurred to me our thoughts are like the tip of the iceberg mixing with all the airy ideas that blow by. Our real essence is the mass below: solid, stable, enormous. If when I feel fear/anxiety coming on, I can move my awareness below into my belly and legs, I can connect with that feeling of stability and enormity and be present to calmly deal with my situation. And since most of the fear I experience doesn't even belong to me, I can let it go, return to the present moment, and go back to enjoying my day.

Knowledge is power and knowing how to surrender to feelings, how to sink into my iceberg base and be still to quietly listen to the insights, is tremendously empowering.

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May we all know this power within.

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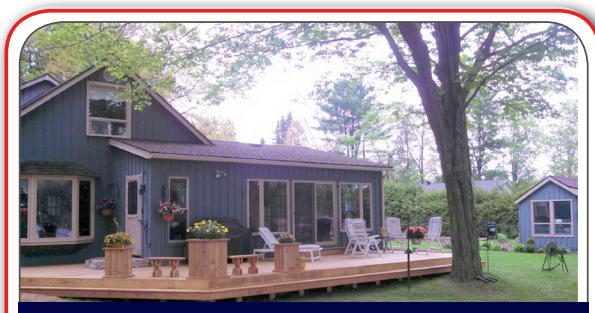

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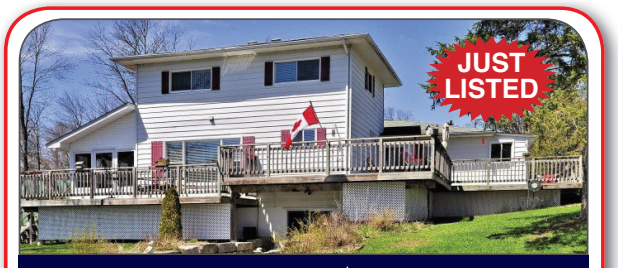

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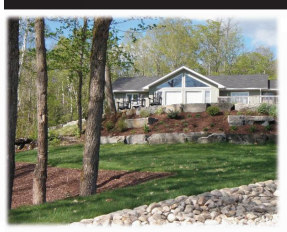

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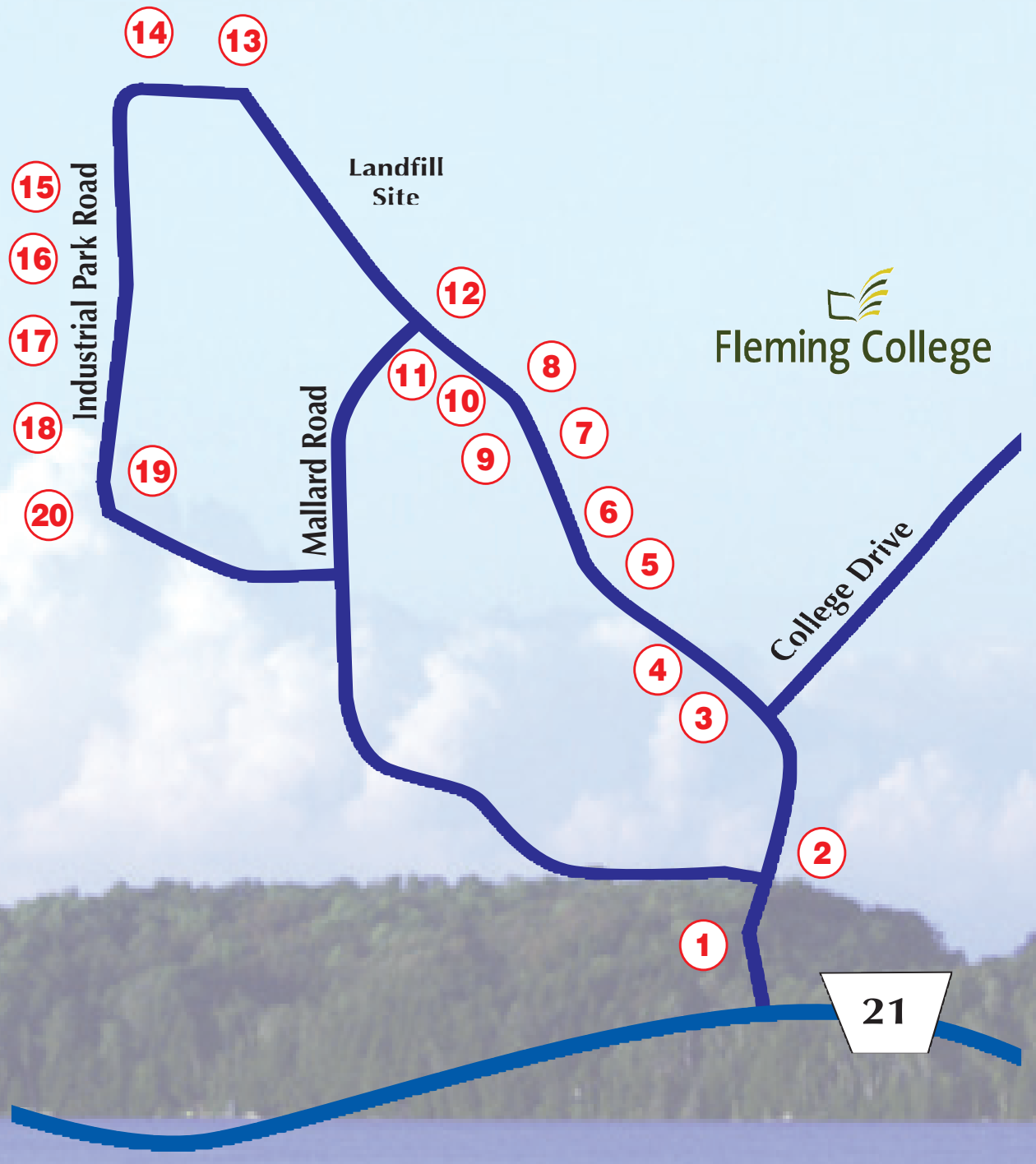

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Eight-year-old Miles Bascombe of Minden holds a painted lady butterfly reluctant to leave his hand, in this file photo. Butterflies are $30 each or four for $100 and are being released at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre on Saturday, June 18. Money goes to fund SIRCH Community Services programs. /DARREN LUM Staff

Order your butterflies soon

The deadline is approaching to order your painted lady butterflies for this year's Release of the Butterflies fundraiser for SIRCH Community Services.

The release event is at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre at noon on Sunday, June 18, but you must first order your butterflies by May 26.

With a donation of $30 you can secure one butterfly. For $100 you get four.

The butterflies are raised in Lakefield, Ont., at a farm called Butterflies and Roses. They lay eggs on plants such as lambsquarter, sunflowers, hollyhock and clover.

Butterflies released will increase the numbers locally and help with pollination.

Proceeds from the fundraiser go to SIRCH programs that receive no government funding, or very little, including the Journey Through Grief bereavement groups, School's Cool and Community Kitchen.

To order your butterfly, get in touch with SIRCH through their website sirch.on.ca or email info@sirch.on.ca or call 705-457-1742.

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Protect your septic system

JENN WATT

County Life Editor

Septic systems were designed for human waste, not humanity's garbage or food that has escaped through the drain in the kitchen sink.

With a few exceptions, much of the county relies on septic systems to handle everything that is flushed through a home's pipes. What individual homeowners (and their guests) choose to put down the toilet has the potential to not only damage the system, but pollute local water sources.

On May 9, Rob Davis of Eco Ethic and star of "viral video" Poop Talk spoke at the Enviro-Café in Haliburton about the mistakes people make when using a septic system and how to improve what we're doing.

He started with a startling fact: 18 billion litres of treated, semi-treated and untreated sewage enters the Great Lakes Basin every day in Ontario. Some of it is raw, some comes from septic systems, much of it comes from sewage treatment plants.

What we flush away goes "away" – but where is "away" anyway? In cottage country, that place is usually a septage lagoon or a septage field and it matters greatly what is in that septage.

Septic systems use bacteria to break down human waste. Unless they are quite old, most systems include two chambers where solids sink to the bottom and scum rises to the top.

Rob Davis shows the group attending last week's Enviro-Café at the Haliburton United Church how an electric, waterless composting toilet works. This one is called a MullToa, which Davis sells through his company Eco Ethic. JENN WATT Staff

Rob Davis's tips for septic success

Know the signs of failure:
- Odours
- Damp areas
- Green stripes of lush grass
- Break out effluent
- Slow fixture drains (gurgling toilets)

Maintain your system:
- Pump it out every three to five years
- Pump both sides of the tank
- Check baffles
- Clean the effluent filter
- Check toilet flappers and dripping faucets (they add a lot of water over time)
- Educate your family and friends on what can go down the drain
- Use an additive

Do NOT put these things down your drain/toilet:
- Feminine hygiene products (provide a container for their disposal and inform your guests)
- Chlorine bleach
- Anti-bacterial products
- Dishwasher detergent with bleach
- Wet wipes (these are usually synthetic and will not break down)
- Fats/oils from cooking

"Of course, what do we put in it?" Davis asked the crowd gathered at Haliburton United Church for his talk. "Everything," the room said in unison.

From chlorine bleach to animal fat, septic systems are being taxed by improper usage.

"There's enough [chlorine] in one load [of dishes] to sterilize 600 gallons," Davis offered. Use chlorine-free detergent to save the important bacteria in the septic system and also make sure it's phosphate free to protect the lake.

Workers who pump septic systems can often tell property owners when something's gone awry, but it's important to choose a reputable company. Ask for and check references, Davis advised. You need to select someone who will do a good job and voice concerns if the system is failing so that issues can be addressed while they are still minor.

Davis also took the time to address some common, if hilarious, myths about septic systems. Putting roadkill in the tank was among the strangest.

"The idea is not bad," he said, noting the thought process is to introduce bacteria to help break down the content of the system.

But the bacteria is the wrong kind, plus a dead animal will release fats, oils and grease and "an enormous amount of protein," which is bad for the tank. Not to mention the bones.

Yogurt, yeast and flushing through extra water were other myths he debunked.

Some people have been told that a septic system never needs to be pumped, but in fact, every three to five years it needs to be cleaned out.

Davis sells Eco Ethic additive and said that although many believe you don't need to add anything to a septic system, because current usage includes flushing cellulose materials that don't easily break down, an additive is helpful.

Homeowners can skip the septic system altogether by buying a composting toilet. Davis's company sells MullToa waterless composting toilets, which plug into the wall, but there are other types on the market. Those who use composting toilets then have a system for grey water disposal instead of a traditional septic system.

Ultimately, protecting the lifespan of a septic system and the environment surrounding it comes down to proper maintenance and usage, which is all about education.

The Coalition of Haliburton Property Owners Associations has resources on its website for easy reference: cohpoa.org.

The next Environment Haliburton Enviro-Café is Tuesday, June 13, at the Minden United Church at 7:30 p.m. The talk is with Ryan Sisson, former environmental co-ordinator for Algonquin Highlands, who will talk about the provincial government's Waste Free Ontario Act and whether it's achievable.

(On July 6, EH will be bringing Dianne Saxe, Ontario's environmental commissioner, to the Minden Community Centre to speak.)

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Solar and Wind set to host grand opening

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Marking the occasion of becoming Canada's first off-grid demonstration centre, the Haliburton Solar and Wind company is inviting the public to its grand opening event from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, June 10.

Located on the Abbey Gardens property, a few kilometres from West Guilford on Highway 118, the demonstration centre is a prime example of getting off the grid. It also offers the public an opportunity to learn about alternative energy and the myriad of methods to harness it.

Haliburton Solar and Wind not only has a sustainably built off-grid office building powered by solar, but will soon have a half-acre outdoor alternative energy park, which is scheduled to be completed in May. This park will be a self-guided interpretative walk, presenting examples of the hardware necessary to harness alternative energy (solar and wind) with relevant information signage. It will include a wind turbine that will soon help to power the Solar and Wind office and give the public insight into the photovoltaic effect, solar irradiation, off-grid independence and Ontario's Smart Grid and independent community grids.

Solar and Wind founder Brian Nash said the foundation for his company is firmly entrenched in the passion he has for alternative energy technology and wants to celebrate his company's new location and new chapter.

"At the end of the day it was about ... translating to the public how excited and passionate we are about what we do. So what better way to translate that to the public than to say, 'come to a great big party.'"

The grand opening will feature a variety of attractions to appeal to a broad audience from children to adults. There is an opportunity to test drive and learn about electric cars (a Tesla vehicle is expected) provided by the electric vehicle advocacy agency Plug 'n Drive, brought by Ontario Power Generation; entertainment with live music by local musician Gord Kidd, tours of the office and the alternative energy park, free refreshments, a solar toy playzone for children with food and beer vendors on site, Moose FM will be broadcasting live and there will be giveaways and prizes.

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> — Brian Nash

The grand opening event will also include the drawing of the winning ticket for airfare valued at $2,600, divided however the winner wishes – tickets for two or one, etc. All proceeds of ticket sales will benefit Places for People, a non-profit organization for Haliburton County that gives residents who are at risk of homelessness an opportunity to access an affordable rental residence. Draw tickets are being sold at CRS, Emmerson Lumber, Haliburton Vision Care, V&S Stedman's, Shopper's Drug Mart, Abbey Gardens, Walker's Home Hardware and Sassy Digs.

This event also celebrates Nash's insatiable thirst for more information about alternative energy.

The success of the company is the culmination of a lot of hard work, Nash said.

"Anytime that as individuals we can see our own passion grow into something that is greater than ourselves is rewarding and exciting, right? My own personal passion for being as independent as I can ... and trying to translate that to the community since 2007 and that all culminating with Haliburton Solar and Wind and being here with the demonstration park and the exhibits and all of that in the context of energy is exciting and satisfying," he said.

Nash started his business in the summer of 2012 after he built his hybrid powered off-grid, solar and wind powered home in 2006.

As reported earlier, Nash said the claim his office building is the only off-grid demonstration centre of its kind in Canada is derived from speaking with companies such as Outback Power and Home Energy Solutions, two leaders in off-grid system implementation.

In his research on going off-grid with his personal home, he discovered the responses from companies lacked consistency, which drove him to seek out more information.

"I was totally dumbfounded by that and some people gave me answers I knew were just completely wrong," he said.

It took him a year and a half to get his off-grid system running.

With all of the work he did in finding answers, he thought of himself as a knowledgeable resource.

"After that, I thought, if anyone was thinking about going off-grid, I would be a really good person to talk to because Lord knows I went through all the painful steps and there didn't seem to be a company out there that could properly address obvious questions," he said.

Learn more at the grand opening, but also other events this spring, summer and autumn.

From May until October, the company has 20 events with various guest speakers, regarded as "industry leaders." There is a variety of information and do-it-yourself sessions, from a second visit by Plug n Drive (Aug. 25) to lectures on wind and solar, maintenance of systems, or even a how-to guide about mounting solar arrays, system maintenance and a talk and information session on "tiny homes" related to planning and designing them.

All of these are free. Pre-registration is available, but walk-ins will be welcome. See full details on the company's website at www.haliburtonsolarandwind.com.

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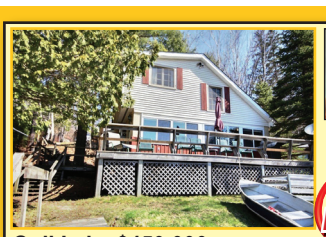
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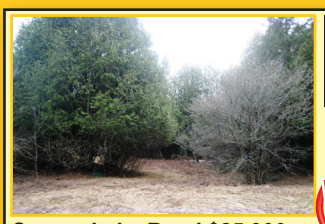
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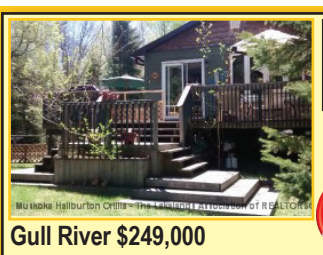

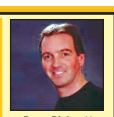

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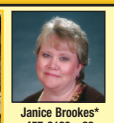

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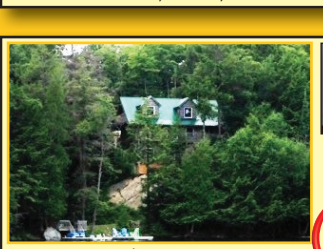

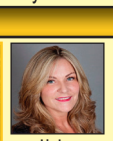

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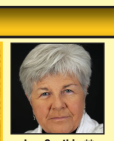

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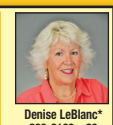

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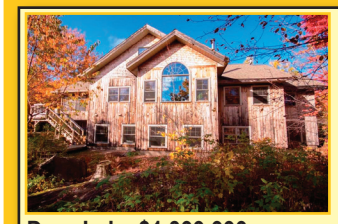

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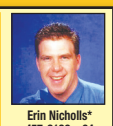

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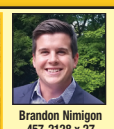

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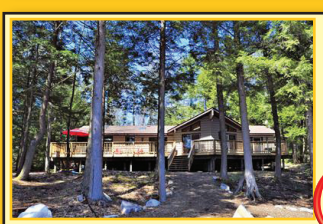

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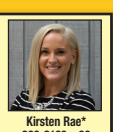

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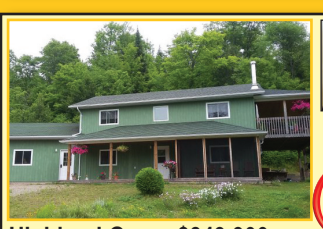

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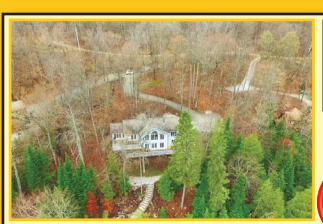

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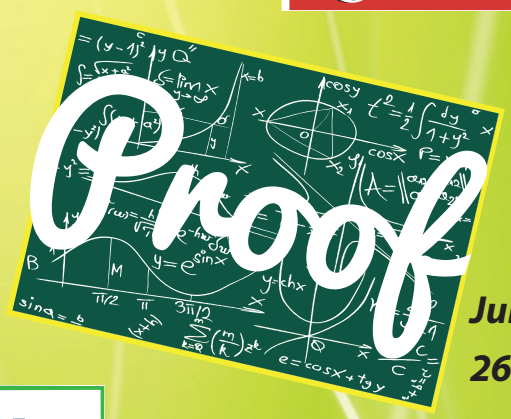

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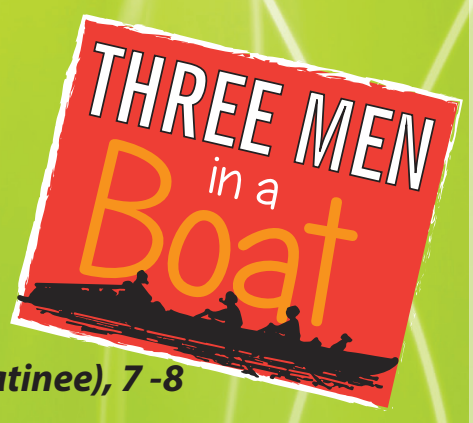

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The Lucas family's days of the Grand Central Hotel

Hotel family, friends and staff, circa 1907. Annie Lucas at centre, Charlie Roberts (bar tender) at top, Henry Dickens (cook) in apron, Madeline Lucas at bottom, with parasol.

STEVE HILL
Special to *County Life*

Captain John Lucas was an Englishman born around 1823. From Leopolda Dobrzensky's well-researched Haliburton history book *Fragments of a Dream*, we learn that Mr. Lucas had an adventuresome well-travelled young life where he worked as a sea captain and also participated in the California and the Australian gold rushes. He later immigrated to Canada, settling in Peterborough County where he met and married Eliza Ann Hare (1836-1923). Their marriage produced 12 children. Initially residents of Cavan, they relocated to Anson Twp. in present day Haliburton County, where they took up farming. Anticipating better prospects, in 1864 he moved his family up to the new settlement of the Canadian Land and Emigration Company at present day Haliburton Village.

The village plot of Haliburton had been laid out on paper by 1864 and clearing the land commenced in the spring of that year. The portion of the village plot where the Drag River dropped over a small waterfall was set aside as the community's Mill Reserve lot. By the summer the settlers were ready for a sawmill, and the land company sold the Mill Reserve lot to a partnership consisting of Captain John Lucas, William Ritchey and William Gainer, the latter being a silent partner. The sawmill was erected on the north side of the Drag River, and running by the fall of that year; a later venture saw the land company's grist mill erected on the south side of the river and running in 1866. The sawmill provided the necessary lumber for the early development of the community. Lucas and Ritchey ran the mill until 1870 when they sold it back to the land company and, parting on good terms, went their separate ways. Lucas became a hotel keeper; Ritchey became a builder and store keeper. (Editor's Note: There is no reference as to when William Gainer relinquished his partnership).

The earliest days of the Lucas family's hotel days, commencing in 1870, are hazy. They operated from Lots 3 and 4 of Block L in the village plot, property currently occupied by the Stedman's/V&S Mall, the Dawson Building and the Village Barn. This location was in the middle of the main business section on the north side of what was then known as Queen Street, now Highland Street. The hotel complex fronted onto the sidewalk right-of-way and was a frame structure, consisting of two attached gable-ended one-and-a-half storey perpendicular wings (linked with a pass-

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Haliburton House passed through many hands

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through), with a one storey lean-to at the east end. There was also a separate one-and-a-half storey building fronting the sidewalk line to the west of the complex. Whether Captain John erected the premises or took over existing buildings has not been established. However, the family lived on site and operated the hotel in the booming days of the village's early settlement. It was known as the Haliburton House, and also as the Anglo-Saxon Hotel. Sadly, Captain Lucas's hotel venture was short-lived. He died in 1874, leaving Eliza, his widow, to raise their family of 12 children herself, plus run the hotel. There were no social safety nets in those days and she was therefore compelled to keep the operation running by renting out the hotel to a string of various proprietors who included a J.A. McMillan, Henry Sluman, George Lippet and John Gould. The Lucas family continued to reside on site and remained actively involved in the hotel from the background. However, when Eliza re-married in 1883 to widower James Erskine (1838-1918), Haliburton's first blacksmith, it is believed that the family moved out at that time although not relinquishing ownership.

John Albert Lucas (1860-1945), photographed circa 1910, in the regalia of the Royal Black Preceptory No. 600, Haliburton, a branch of Haliburton's Loyal Orange Lodge No. 975. J.A. Lucas was a Conservative in politics and served on Dysart council from 1916 to 1927. He was also a Freemason (North Entrance Lodge No. 463 A.F. & A.M., Haliburton) and an Anglican. Photos courtesy of the Haliburton Highlands Museum

The Lucas's eldest son was John Albert Lucas (1860-1945) who, from an early age, had been groomed to carry on the family business. In fact, his involvement with the hotel after his father's death curtailed his schooling, and he was compelled to take his lessons from his teacher Mr. William Leith after work. Interestingly, John Jr. - also known as Jack or J.A. may have actually had reservations (no pun intended) about the hotel business, for he is known to have later earned his papers as a locomotive engineer and worked for the Grand Trunk Railway while a young man. However, by the time of his 1888 marriage to Miss Annie Boundy of Cobourg – the Boundy family having once lived in Haliburton – his fate was sealed. He apparently took over the hotel at this time, changing its name to the Grand Central.

J.A. Lucas was not a man to think small, and as a community spirited gentleman with an eye to the future, he embarked upon an elaborate expansion which brought the hotel into its glory days. In 1896, a Mr. Train – likely the well-known builder Fred Train from Kinmount – erected a large two-storey brick veneer edifice to the west of the main complex, replacing the separate one-and-a-half storey building that had sat there; the disposition of this latter building is not known. The new brick structure, with an attached frame passageway, was linked to the original complex. The brickwork was white with red brick trimming. An elaborate two-storey veranda/balcony, trimmed with gingerbread, graced the facade. It was an architectural gem on the main street of Haliburton and drew the onlooker's attention to the north side of the street. The newly renovated and expanded hotel was an immediate success. The brick wing soon became the focal point of the operation, with the best rooms in town. A two-storey frame kitchen wing was built onto the back of this. The best rooms were in the front section, finished in lath and plaster; the rooms in the back or kitchen section were finished in tongue and groove boarding.

Interesting to note is that one of the village's other hotels, the Queen's (which stood where the LCBO building is today) was destroyed by fire in April of 1897, less than a year after the "new" Grand Central Hotel opened.

Over the Grand Central Hotel's lifetime, clientele included the travelling salesmen of the day who arrived with their wares by train. A sample room was available within for them to set up their wares, make their pitch, and collect orders. Non-resident lumber barons partook of the hotel's hospitality, as did outside construction workmen working on major local projects such as dams and bridges; some of the management of the Wood Products Company of Canada at Donald were frequent patrons during that company's earliest days. In season, the Lucas family would arrange for fishing and hunting guides for interested parties, outfitting them as required. Management went out of their way to ensure the comfort of their guests; not only with clean rooms and excellent meals, but the bar and the cigar case were also always well stocked. As Lucas's daughter Madeline stated, her parents were "hospitality personified"; they made their guests feel as though they were family and would want to stay at the hotel when visiting Haliburton.

The barroom was a profitable part of the business and was patronized by both the locals and the visitors; in fact it was in some ways the hotel's economic mainstay. When the lumber camps broke up in the spring and the lumbermen came into town to celebrate, cash and alcohol flowed freely. Things could get wild, especially in the evenings. A boisterous gang of tipsy lumbermen once brought a horse into the barroom; the weight of the beast combined with the caulks of his shoes chewed up the floor, leaving permanent damage, apparently all in good fun. One customer, Richard Burke (1878-1965), grandfather of Mrs. Keith (Julia) Robertson used to bring his horse Darby into the bar to drink with him (probably a basin of water laced with an alcoholic beverage). To the best of their ability, however, the Lucas family kept the alcohol-related matters under control; they did not want to compromise their livelihood. Additionally, living on site, they had the well-being of their impressionable children to consider; plus, the Lucases were also pillars of the English Church, St. George's.

This is the first in a three-part series on the Lucas Hotel. This year marks Dysart et al's 150th anniversary. Keep an eye out for more historical items throughout the summer.

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Syrup, leeks, trout lilies and trilliums

GEORGE FARRELL
Special to *County Life*

It's been an awful spring weather-wise; endless rain, interspersed with snow and frosts in May, and below average temperatures, to say nothing of the anguish of having to deal with a major flood. It's been a spring that was the spawn of an interminably long winter, especially for those who did not, or could not, fly to the respite of warmer climes.

Several weeks ago there was some sort of weather break, especially for many local maple syrup producers, who ultimately experienced a better-than-average crop, though nothing compared to last year's bounty. Our personal maple syrup producer, Neil Campbell, was able to provide us with syrup of the Brown Dog brand that was like nectar from the gods. Upon delivery of the syrup I immediately unscrewed the top off the bottle and took a swig, somewhat to Neil's surprise. But for me, not being a pancake fan, I drink it right from the bottle.

After the maple syrup season was over the rains began in earnest and, well, you know the outcome. For those who had to deal with evacuation due to the floods, as we did, in the case of my father, it's been a very trying time. So after days of watching the rains and dealing with a discombobulated dad, the search was on for a life-adjusting reset "button." In the end the "button" appeared on a rainless day, in the form of a trip to the woods, to gather wild leeks or ramps, as they are also known.

But before the walk, a phone call to the Ministry of Natural Resources was in order. After being spoken to by a recorded voice, for about five minutes, I was actually able to converse with a living human, an informative man at head office who told me that, unlike in Quebec, it is not illegal to pick leeks in Ontario. But because leeks are so slow-growing, and the whole plant is uprooted, he cautioned against over-picking, and denuding an area.

Leeks are usually found in loamy soil, often in forests of maple trees. Picking leeks is labour-intensive, you have to dig them up, shake off the soil, trim the roots and cut off the leaves, although the leaves, too, can be eaten. In fact local potter Susanne James makes savory biscuits from the leaves, though we usually end up pickling our leek bulbs.

Within a few minutes of kneeling and digging, our senses were intensified by a return to this primal natural element, and they took over from the over-burdened brain by first detecting the onion-intense, heady aroma of the leeks. Our hands, buried deep in the loam, among leek roots, emerged covered in damp soil, and feeling like some special spa treatment had taken place. My eyes adjusted to what surrounded the leeks, and in among the grey-brown leaf litter, I found trout lilies or adder's tongue, with their mottled green and brown leaves and their photogenic, small and solitary yellow-nodding flowers.

Also, spread here and there, in clumps, trilliums were showing off their bright whiteness in a three petal display, and an occasional red variation bowed its head as if in prayer. The overhead maple branches, with new leaves of vivid spring green, formed an irregular canopy that enabled light to seep down, and the effect was cathedral-like; damp and uplifting at once, the effect heightened even more by birdsong, long-silenced by the rains. Our spirits rose with the crescendo of notes, and I lay back, spread-eagled on layer upon layer of dead leaves, and just for that period of time all worries lifted from me and I felt refreshed.

It all sounds so simple; going for a leek-gathering walk in the woods to alleviate your anxieties. In fact sometimes solutions are that simple, and after a long winter, wet spring, and way too much time spent indoors, the gathering of leeks, something we hadn't done in years, was the sensible-to-the-senses, temporary antidote to all that ailed us. So maybe drink some syrup, get into the woods, go for a walk, and smell, if not the roses, then perhaps the wafting remnants of the last of the leeks.

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YARD SALE

When: Friday May 19th , 4-8 pm
Sat. May 20th , 9 am – 4 pm
Where: 9 Cedar Ave,
Haliburton
(Bill Gliddon's Residence)
What: St. George's Yard Sale
Saturday morning bake sale
In support of St. George's Church

When: Sat. May 20th
8 am – 1 pm
Where: 4779 County Rd. 21
What: Moving Sale

Utility trailer, antiques, mirrors, furniture and more

When: Sat. May 20th
& Sunday May 21st
9 am – 5 pm
Where: 1025 Morris Lane
Haliburton Lake
What: Cottage Sold, Content Sale
16' Hobie Cat, 2 outdoor motors, furniture, tools & fishing gear

When: Sat. May 20th
& Sunday May 21st
8 am – 4 pm
Where: 13954 Hwy 35
Minden
What: The Kulas Family
Yard Sale
Watch for signs

When: Sat. May 20th
8 am – 2 pm
Where: 1367 Hamilton Rd., Minden
(Hwy. 35 to South Lake Rd.)
What: Furniture, Antiques, Tools
and lots more stuff!
Watch for the signs

When: Sat. May 20th
8 am – 1 pm
Where: Bishop Crt. (off Halbiem)
Haliburton
What: 3 family yard sale
Something for Everyone!

When: Sat. May 20th
10 am – 5 pm
Where: **Thrift Warehouse**
128 Mallard Rd.
In Haliburton's Industrial Park
What: 1000's of items, Great Prices! furniture, collectibles, housewares, tools & much more

When: Sat. May 20th
& Sunday May 21st
9 am – 5 pm
Where: 677 Bobcaygeon Rd.,
Minden
~ North of Scotch Line Rd.
What: MOVING SALE!
Furniture, Tools and
MUCH MORE!

When: Sat. May 20th
& Sunday May 21st
8 am – 5 pm
Where: 7 Winchester St., Minden
(from Bobcaygeon Rd., off McKay St.)
What: Woodworking Tools, Tools & More Tools, Lawn & Gardening Equip., Fishing Boat/Motor/Trailer, Lots of Misc. Items

When: Sat. May 20th
8 am - 3 pm
Where: 1103 Milburn Road
Gelert
What: Home Consolidation Sale
Kids toys, books, game, housewares, linens, books, sports and garden paraphernalia, furniture.
Lots of free stuff, too

When: Friday May 19th, 1:00 pm - 6 pm
Sat. May 20th & Sunday May 21st, 9 am - 3 pm
Monday May 22nd,10 am - 2 pm
Where: 1004 Scarlet Oak Lane
E. side of Hwy 35 at Moore Falls
S. of bridge, N or Norland
What: FINAL MOVING SALE
Antiques, Framed Sports Prints, Lots of Plus Size Clothing, Other Household items

When: Friday May 19th, 9 am - 6 pm
Sat. May 20th, 9 am - 4 pm
Where: 1066 Green Gables Rd.
Moore Falls
800 ft off Hwy 35. 17km
S. of Minden,7 Km N or Norland
What: Tools, Antiques, Iron & brass bed (a rare beauty), Rocking chairs

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Event Listings

Highlands East Information Center

Open May 20th to Thanksgiving Weekend
10am to 4pm daily, closed Tuesdays
2773 Essonville Line
(Wilberforce Curling Club), Wilberforce

Gooderham's 503 Street Sale & Fire Fighters Barbeque

Saturday, May 20, 2017
from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm
Downtown Gooderham

Canada Day Celebrations Travel The Loop Through Highlands East

Saturday, July 1st
from 8:00 am to 10:00 pm
150 Years of Confederation in Canada!
Start the day with Opening Ceremonies and Pancake Breakfast in Cardiff then travel THE LOOP to Highland Grove, Harcourt, Wilberforce, Tory Hill and on to Gooderham to end the day with a BBQ Beef Dinner & GIGANTIC Fireworks Display!
Pick up a LOOP passport at any location on the way to join in the fun for a chance to win a prize! There will be special events in each village through the day

Gooderham Junebug Horseshoe Tournament

Saturday, June 24
from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm
Robert McCausland Center, Gooderham
$10 entrance fee.
Call Ron Barr at 705-448-2060 for more details

Highlands East Swim Program 2017

Cardiff Pool
July 3rd-August 11th (3 Sessions)
Wilbermere Beach
July 3rd-July 28th (2 Sessions)
Gooderham Beach
July 2rd-July28 (2Sessions)
Class Sizes Are Limited! Register Early
613-339-2442 or 705-448-2981

Wilberforce Curling Club Spaghetti Dinner

Saturday, July 15, 2017
from 4:30 pm to 7:00 pm
Lloyd Watson Center, Wilberforce
Price per adult = $10,
Children 5 - 12 years old = $5,
Children under 5 are FREE.

Gigantic Penny Raffle

Saturday July 15, 2017
Keith Tallman Memorial Arena
All proceeds to benefit the Recreational and Fitness resources in our community!

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Anne-Marie Cyr decided to take a risk. Admittedly a tame risk by skydiving and mountain climbing standards, but even tame risks take courage.

A nurse for 40 years, Cyr refers to herself as the math/science sort; skills and knowledge that have served her well in her career. But with plans to retire soon, she decided she wanted to exercise the other side of her brain.

In defiance of elementary school criticisms that firmly established an "I'm not arty" self-perception, she signed up for a quilting course at Haliburton School of Art and Design and had a remarkable experience. "I get to play with colour and texture but it is still kind of mathematical."

When asked how she would respond if someone claimed to her that they weren't artistic or creative, she said, "Just try it. It's so not intimidating. If people took the attitude that there's no right or wrong and would just play – it's life altering!"

Anne-Marie Cyr brought together her mathematical mind with her artistic side, taking a risk and signing up for a quilting class at Haliburton School of Art and Design. Photo submitted

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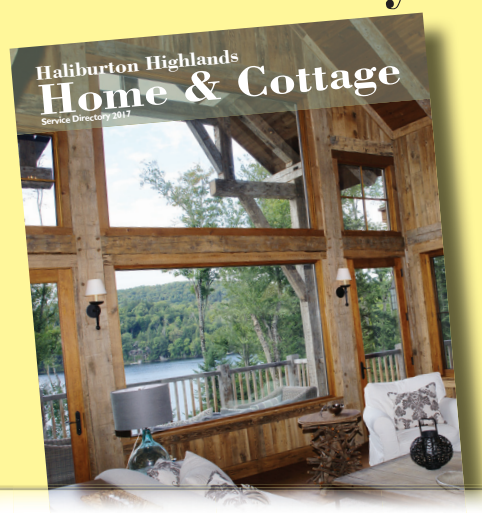

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Upcoming Events

Haliburton Highlands Genealogy Group

When: Wednesday, May 17. Doors open 6pm, presenter 7pm.
Where: Lions Hall, Bobcaygeon Road, Minden.
What: Kim Emmerson presents his film made to celebrate the Haliburton Village Sesquicentennial
Cost: no charge - everyone welcome.
For more info contact Gail 705-286-2225.

Minden Health Care Auxiliary Annual Bowl-a-thon

When: Thurs. May 18, 2017, 1 p.m.
Where: Minden Bowling Alley
Come out and have fun bowling while supporting our Minden Hospital. Cost is $20 or a completed pledge sheet of $20 or more. This includes shoe rental, door prizes and special prize table.
Contact Mary at (705) 455-9943 to register.

The CANADIAN FEDERATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN (CFUW)

WHEN: Thursday May 18, 2017, 7-8 pm
WHERE: Haliburton School of Art and Design, Fleming College, Great Hall
COST: FREE (donations to the CFUW Haliburton Highlands Scholarship Fund would however, be welcome)
WHO: Carolyn Langdon
TOPIC: Eating on the Wild Side for Health and Pleasure

Gooderham United Church Yard Sale

When: Saturday May 20, 8:00 am - 3:00 pm
Light refreshments and Bake sale
Donated items appreciated. Please, no large appliances, cribs or mattresses
For pick-up or drop off call, June at 447-2838

Friends of the Haliburton County Public Library Book Sale

When: Saturday May 20, 2017 9:00 am to 3:00 pm
Where: Minden Branch Book Nook and lawn
Gently read books are for sale

Ingoldsby UCW - Pie Sale

When: Saturday May 20th, 9:00 am until sold out.
Where : Ingoldsby United Church – 1741 Ingoldsby Road.
Variety of homemade pies, tarts, crisps.

Gooderham's 503 Street Sale

When: Saturday May 20th, 10:00 am
Set up your table anywhere in the centre of town
All spaces are free, A donation to our Canada Day celebrations would be appreciated.
Bring your own table and chairs.
For more information please contact :Denise Winder 705-447-2953,Marilyn Wooder 705-447-2906
Mary Cox 705-447-3446, Bonnie Ryall 705-447-3473
Live entertainment David Wrightman and BBQ available

Royal Canadian Legion Branch 624-WIlberforce, "Mac" Hughes long weekend horseshoe Tournament

Sunday, May 21st – registration 10 am-12 pm. Play 12:30 SHARP. Food available for purchase. Cash prizes 1st, 2nd and 3rd

Haliburton: Sexual Health Clinic

When: Wednesday, May 24, 10:30 am to 12:30 pm.
The clinic provides clients with confidential access to cervical screening, low-cost birth control, pregnancy testing and sexual health teaching. Testing and treatment of sexually transmitted infections are also provided. For more information, locations or to make an appointment, call the Health Unit at 1-866-888-4577, ext. 2205.

Royal Canadian Legion Branch

120-Haliburton presents Jeff Moulton

When: Saturday, May 27, 2017 4:00 to 7:00 pm
Where: Haliburton Legion, Clubroom
Cost: $5.00 cover charge for non members
50/50 draw at 6:00 pm. Enjoy delicious meal for $6.00 by the Ladies Auxiliary
For Information contact: Linda at 705-457-2064

Friends of the Haliburton County Public Library-Annual General Meeting & Members Afternoon

When: Wednesday, May 31, 2017 1:00 am
2:00-presentation
Where: The Common room, Minden Hills Cultural Centre
Cost: $5.00 for non members, memberships available for $5.00
Guest speaker: Erin Kernoham-Berning

Haliburton Highlands Land Trust AGM

When: Saturday June 3, 2017 10:00am
Where: Minden Cultural Centre.
We encourage you to renew your membership in time for this meeting. Members and non-members welcome! visit www.haliburtonlandtrust.ca

Haliburton Highlands Granny Tea

When: Sunday June 4, Doors open 1 pm, Tea begins 1:30 pm
Where: Haliburton Legion
In support of the Stephen Lewis Foundation Loonie Auction, Granny Creations Marketplace, Herbs from Abbey Gardens
For Tickets call: Norma Isaacs 705-457-2015, Gayle Upshall 705-286-3411

Recurring Events

Event: Haliburton County Farmers Market

Where: Haliburton - Head Lake Park
When: Tuesday (May 23 - Oct 3)
Time: 12 - 4pm
Contact information: incredibleHCFMA@gmail.com / 705-306-0523
Description: Farmers Market offering local seasonal produce, meats, cheese, baked goods, preserves, prepared foods and hand-crafted artisan items.

Event: Haliburton County Farmers Market

Where: Minden - Parking lot of the Municipal Buildings
When: Saturday (May 20 - Oct 7)
Time: 10 - 2pm
Contact information: incredibleHCFMA@gmail.com / 705-306-0523
Description: Farmers Market offering local seasonal produce, meats, cheese, baked goods, preserves, prepared foods and hand-crafted artisan items.

HHHS-Lunch for the Bereaved

An informal, get together for those who are experiencing bereavement.
An opportunity to visit with others who are grieving and looking for comfort and community.
When: Fridays 11:30 - 1:00 pm
Haliburton: 1st and 3rd Friday - monthly,
Where: SIRCH Central-2 Victoria St.
Minden: 2nd and 4th Friday - monthly, Where: Minden Legion
Light Lunch Served, No Registration Required
For more information about our resources & services, please contact
Community Support Services 705-457-2941 ex 2932 or visit our website@www.hhhs.ca

Afterschool program at Archie Stouffer School

Haven is program for students in grades 5 to 8 A Youth Unlimited and Monarch Bible Camp Partnership
Thursdays - 3:30 to 5:30 in the Music Room Games, Snacks, Bible learning, Crafts and monthly outreach at Highland Crest
Contact: teresa@youthunlimitedkaw.com or 705-887-3625
Registration forms available in school office

Youth Program

Minden has a Youth Program!! Students in grades 8 and up are invited to supper and program every Thursday night from 5:45 to 8:00 pm.
EVERYONE WELCOME! Explore faith, learn new skills, enjoy hanging out with other youth.
Program run by Monarch Bible Camp and Youth Unlimited.
Where: Minden Bible Church-Bobcaygeon Road
Information: teresa@youthunlimitedkaw.com or 705-887-3625

Cancer Support Group,

Open to anyone who has been diagnosed with or survived cancer. We meet the 3rd Tuesday of every month in the Ruth Parkes Room at the Haliburton Hospital from 1 pm to 3 pm. Please contact Lynn Higgs Thompson 705-457-2941 for more information.

Al-anon Minden

When; Monday evenings at 8 p.m.
Where: Hyland Crest (north entrance, follow signs inside building), 6 MacPherson, Minden
Details: For relatives and friends of problem drinkers. For more information call 1-888-425-2666

Kitchen Party Music Jams

When: Every Saturday From 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm (continuous event)
Where: Dominion Hotel Pub, 113 Main Street, Minden, ON
Details: Musicians are welcome to come out to play and Fans are welcome to come out and enjoy the music at the free Jam Sessions every Saturday afternoon - 1st Saturday Folk/Celtic Music, 2nd & 5th Saturdays Mixed Acoustic Music, 3rd Saturday Country Music & 4th Saturday Bluegrass Music.
Contact: Gerry Mitchell at (705)799-5008 or by email at kitchenpartymusicjams@hotmail.com

Haliburton Highlands Quilt Guild

When: Second Wednesday of every month, at 1-4 pm
Where: Stanhope Community Centre, 1095 North Shore Rd., Algonquin Highlands
Details: Meeting often preceded by working on a project at 10 am.
Contact: Pat Campbell at (705) 457-1211 or patcampbell@live.ca

HALIBURTON HIGHLANDS WEAVING & SPINNING GUILD OPEN STUDIOS:

Time: Every Tues. 1-4p.m.
Place: Zion United Church, Carnarvon
No experience needed.
Contact: Pat @ 705-286-7782 or andreacoysh@gmail.com

Taoist Tai Chi

Carnarvon: Zion United Church
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Friday: 10:00 am - noon
Wilberforce: Lloyd Watson Centre
Wednesday: 2:00 - 4:00 pm
Haliburton: United Church
Monday: 9:30 - 11:00 am
Health Recovery:
Monday 11:00 am - 12:30 pm
Thursday: 10 am - noon
Kinmount: Galway Community Centre
Monday: 10:00 am - noon
Thursday: 10:00 am - noon
For more information contact: Wilma at 705-457-5829 or email peterborough@taoist.org
Schedule of classes also at taoist.org/peterborough

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When: Monday and Wednesday mornings from 9:00am-12:00pm.
Where: SG Nesbitt Community Centre, Minden
Racquets are provided so all you need are clean indoor shoes. Cost is $2.00
Contact: Elisha Weiss, Community Development Coordinator, 705-286-2298 or eweiss@mindenhills.ca

Pick up Ball Hockey

When: Tuesday evenings. 7:00pm-9:00pm from June 28th - August 16th . ADULTS ONLY
Wednesday evenings. 6:00pm-7:00pm from June 29th to August 17th. AGES 8-13
7:00pm-8:00pm from June 29th to August 17th. AGES 14-17
Where: SG Nesbitt Memorial Arena, 55 Parkside Street, Minden
Cost is $2 per person/per session. Proper protective equipment required.
Contact: Elisha Weiss, Community Development Coordinator, 705-286-2298 or eweiss@mindenhills.ca

Legion Events

Branch 624, Wilberforce

Friday Pool 1:30pm
Spaghetti Dinner 5-7pm
No jam session this evening
Saturday Meat Draw 2pm Early Bird 3pm Sharp
Live Band – Dance featuring Endangered Species 9pm to close $5 cover
Sunday First Annual Mac Hughes Horseshoe Tournament - $15/player. Register 10am-12pm
Play 12:30 Sharp – Cash prizes 1st, 2nd and 3rd
Monday Bid Euchre 7:00pm come out and learn – beginners welcome
Wednesday Fun Darts 7:30pm

Branch 129, Haliburton

Dave Allen, PRO 705-457-2571
Mondays: Bridge every Monday at 1pm
Tuesdays: Tuesday Night Dart League starting at 7pm
Wednesdays: Bid Euchre 1 pm start
Bingo Doors open at 6 pm, Bingo starts at 7 pm - $500 Jackpot, **$1000 Jackpot** - last Wednesday of the month
Thursdays: General Meeting Second Thursday of the month starting at 7:30 pm. All members urged to attend
Ladies Auxiliary Last Thursday of the month at 1 pm
Fridays: Meat Draw Five Draws, Five Prizes each draw, First draw at 4:30 pm, Last draw at 6:30 pm, Tickets are $2 per draw… Chester Howse, MC
Darts Friday fun darts - 4:30pm onwards
Saturdays: 50/50 Draw 4 pm draw, Tickets are $1 each from noon onwards
Sundays: Breakfast Second and fourth Sunday of the month – 9:30 am – 1 pm. $6 per person. Occasional volunteers are needed.

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Branch 636, Minden 705-286-4541

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Bid Euchre, Tuesday, 1 p.m.
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PRO Raquel Linton 705-488-3191
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Fridays: Bingo 6:45 all welcome $300 Must Go Jackpot
Saturdays: 5pm Meat Draw

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Accomodation grading system being sought

The controversial Ontario grading study has again raised its head. At a recent Tourism Ontario meeting, Resorts Ontario proposed the grading advisory committee be reconvened to discuss grading of accommodation.

Tourism Ontario, (an umbrella association for Resorts Ontario, Ontario Hotel and Motel Association, Northern Ontario Tourist Outfitters, and Ontario Motel Association) had shelved a two-and-one-half year grading study because one of its members, OH & MA withdrew its support last fall.

At the recent Tourism Ontario meeting, OH & MA agreed to reconsider a grading system. According to president Bernice Marsh, "the OH & MA is willing to co-operate with a grading study, not the grading study."

President of Resorts Ontario, Art Ward, said his board of directors wanted to reinstate the grading system because members felt they were denied something. "It's just a desire to have more information."

With Resort Ontario members as willing guinea pigs, the Ontario government is willing to bear the cost of testing grading.

"I hope that dialogue will be in the context of how and when we get grading underway, not if. In simple terms - I am determined to do it and we are going to proceed on that basis," Larry Grossman, Ontario Minister of Industry and Tourism said at the annual convention of Resorts Ontario.

Grossman took a strong stand: "We are going to move forward to testing grading on the open market. I was gratified to see Resorts Ontario take a leadership role

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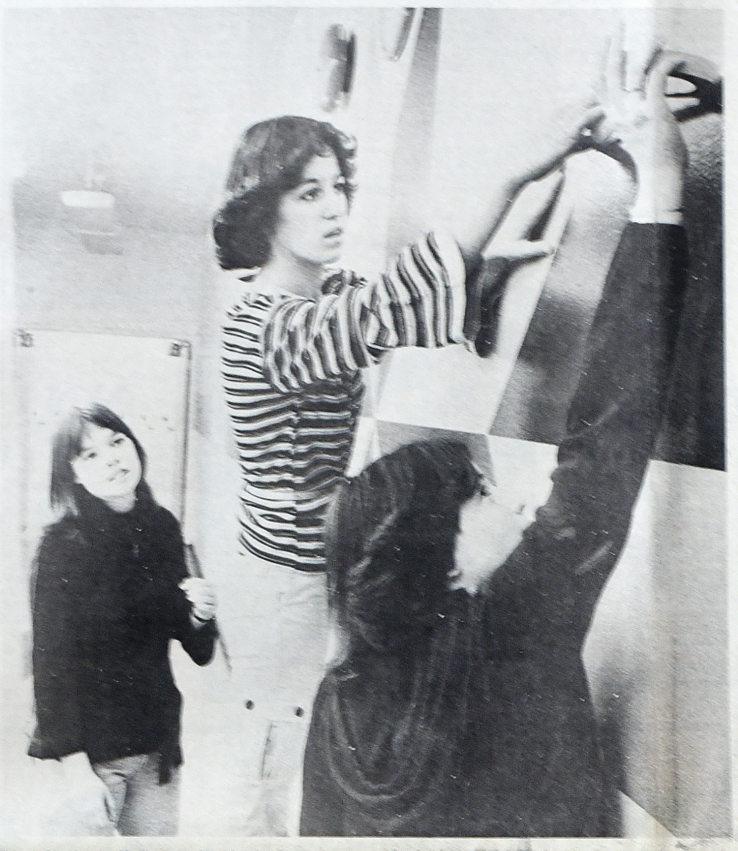

The cafeteria at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School is taking on a new look these days. Students of the grade 12 Family Studies course are painting designs on the walls of the room in an effort to brighten school spirit and to give them a chance to put to work the theories of organization they've learned in class. Applying border tape are, from right to left, Ellen Anderson, Jeannine Daigle and Cindy Carnochan.

Plenty of problems but very few solutions for economic commission

A lack of forest management, an absence of loans for small businessmen and a shortage of new lakefront property for development were among the problems brought to the attention of the Haliburton County Economic Development Commission Friday night in Wilberforce.

Eight Briefs were presented at the workshop, the third in a series of three meetings intended to give county ratepayers a chance to air their economic concerns.

More than 40 people turned up at the Lloyd Watson Memorial Centre to hear public presentations to the nine member committee.

First brief of the evening came from Bruce Gibbs of Wilberforce Veneer and Lumber, who told the commission that too little effort was going into forest management in the county.

"There hasn't been any promotion given to forest management," Gibbs said. "There has to be a more concentrated effort and it's got to start at the local level."

He suggested the commission should use its influence to promote funding from government and private institutions for an ongoing forest management program.

Gibbs said consideration should also be given to using wood waste for the production of energy in the county. Experiments are currently underway in other areas to convert waste into small pellets "that might be used to replace oil in automated furnaces," Gibbs said.

He also suggested the possibility that a plant could be located in the county to produce artificial fire logs, the majority of which are presently manufactured in the United States.

Speaking for the Mountain Lake Property Owners Association, Patrick Daniel, area NDP candidate, said the owners supported the idea of long range planning, but that they felt public input should be allowed into planning decisions. Daniel suggested associations such as the one he represented should be notified of upcoming planning decisions that would be of direct interest to them. He also recommended that nominations for planning groups should be sought from various property owners and cottagers' associations.

Speaking as a political candidate in the upcoming federal election, Daniel said one of the keys to development was better co-operation between small businessmen and government. He also urged the commission to use caution in seeking to attract industry to the area.

"Let's not rush into introducing into Haliburton, new industry that could do more harm than good in the long term," he said.

Martin Hoffman, owner of the Flying Dutchman woodworking shop in Haliburton Village, told the commission the government wasn't doing enough for the small businessman. Hoffman said the commission should use its influence to persuade the government to make small low interest loans available for people who wanted to start a business and thus contribute to economic growth.

Hoffman also suggested municipalities should begin a glass recycling program at various dumpsites, with the money collected from the sale of the glass being donated to charities.

Jane Hepplestone of the Canada Manpower Outreach Office in Haliburton outlined for the commission the various assistance programs available to help employers and employees.

Sonya Holliday-Rhodes, chairman of the Haliburton County Anti-Pollution Committee, recommended that the commission set up an impartial task force to examine the environmental impact of any industry before it allowed it to locate in the county. She said the committee was particularly concerned about possible pollution from uranium mining and pulp plants.

Commission chairman Glen Hodgson said the Commission shared the anti-pollution committee's concerns, and that consideration would be given to establishing a central site for industry where various environmental

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Cracked girder forces repair of MTC bridge in Kinmount

Traffic flow over the Burnt River bridge in Kinmount has been reduced to a single lane and a load limit of ten tons has been imposed following the discovery of a cracked girder on the bridge's east side.

Spokesmen for the Ministry of Transportation and Communications say the single lane traffic flow and the ten ton limit will continue until a bailey bridge can be constructed to allow for repair or replacement of the girder.

Workmen from the MTC were on the site last week examining the condition of the bridge, which has a normal load limit of 43 tons.

A fisherman is reported to have noticed the cracked girder and reported it to the authorities, forcing the reduction in traffic.

Cause of the damage is still unknown according to Malcolm McMaster District Engineer at the Port Hope office of the Ministry. He speculated, however, that expansion and contraction of the beam in the severe cold weather this past winter could have been a factor in the break.

The bridge was reported to have been checked by Ministry officials last summer and found to be in safe condition.

The bridge over the Burnt River in Kinmount was reduced to single lane traffic last week following the discovery of a break in the bridge's main supporting beam on the east side. Work to repair the break has begun, and a bailey bridge may have to be built to allow repairs to be completed. Load limit on the bridge has been set at 10 tons.

Cottager will urge county council to begin liming acid stressed area lakes

At least one area cottager is tired of the government's attitude toward the acid rain problem and has come up with a plan to do something about it.

Mike Collins, a cottager in Monmouth Township, told a special meeting of Monmouth council last Thursday that the county should begin its own program to lime area lakes stressed by acid rain.

An industrial chemist who said he has done research in the Sudbury area, Collins claimed the government is not acting fast enough to save area lakes, which have gradually been becoming acidified over the last 20 years from atmospheric pollution.

When the problem first surfaced the government claimed it wasn't important, Collins said. Later it admitted the problem was serious but said it wasn't serious enough to do something about. And recently, Collins said, the government has acknowledged that the problem is extremely serious but continues to maintain that nothing can be done about it in the immediate future.

Collins said the government's claim that it doesn't have sufficient money to begin an expensive program to save precambrian shield lakes from the effects of acid rain is "nonsense".

"You can't just write off an area," he said.

Since the government has as yet come up with no concrete plan to save area lakes from the damage acid rain causes, Collins said the county should tackle the problem on its own.

"We don't need to involve experts," he said. "We have

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Farmers not getting their share - Logan

Farmers in Haliburton and Victoria Counties are not getting their share of "the agricultural pie" according to the area Liberal candidate.

Speaking in Cambray on April 25, David Logan said farmers in both counties" have been neglected regarding the availability of information and leadership required to direct them to take advantage of the funds that are available."

As an example, Logan said that in 1978-79, to January 31, only $54,400 was received from the Feed-freight Assistance Adjustment Fund. Contributions equal to 30 percent of capital expenditures (to a maximum of $1,500 per farmer) for permanent storage structures for grain, silage and haylage, driers, grain handling systems, feed preparation and distribution systems, were available.

"Thus, at maximum, something in the order of 36 farmers were assisted. I suggest that more could be helped if the lines of communication could be opened," Logan said.

The Liberal candidate also said farmers should be aware that contributions equal to 50 percent of the cost, up to a maximum of $10,000 were available to the farmer innovator who developed new technologies which would have improved grain production. Only $8,500 was received in Victoria and Haliburton Counties in 1978-79 to January 31, 1979.

"This meagre amount speaks for itself," Logan said.

Logan claimed the people of the county need a member of parliament "who knows the doors that have to be opened."

HHSS class redecorating cafeteria to boost spirit

Jeannine Daigle and her grade 12 Family Studies course classmates have managed to turn learning into practical experience.

The 18-year old student and her classmates at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School are working on a project involving painting the walls of the school's cafeteria. The aim is to use the skills learned by the class, to brighten the cafeteria and increase school spirit.

The class is actually the design committee for the project, under the supervision of teacher Rosie Kenney.

"We figured since the cafeteria was the focal point of the school, it would be a perfect place for the project," said Daigle.

A similar project was undertaken by last year's class, which painted the lockers throughout the school. The Board of Education has given their approval to the project, and will be sponsoring the costs.

The 15 students working on the cafeteria project are now part-way through the scheme. A base coat has been applied to the walls, and one of the classmates has designed the graphics which will be applied to the walls.

All the work is voluntary, and the students work after school and on weekends. With the number of people working on the project, Daigle says they are able to maintain "different crews and different shifts to work."

Judging by the smiles on the students' faces when they are painting, it's an extra-curricular activity that's worth the work it takes.

The annual track meet at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School is on today, but at press time, the weather was less than agreeable, as Keith and Phil Smith found out. The boys, both grade 12 students, were out on the school's track Tuesday trying to remove as many of the potholes and as much water as possible.

"Theft" was an effort to prevent a theft

It looked like a theft, but it wasn't. It seems that Mountainview Lodge near Gooderham (what is left after a fire some time ago) was entered between January 15 and April 24 and a jukebox and a shuffleboard were removed.

The total estimate of the items was $2,300. Following an investigation by OPP Constable Mike Maher, both items were recovered.

The property had been removed by a third party who took them into safe keeping so they wouldn't be stolen.

No charges have been laid.

Lutterworth council lodges protest of '79 Board of Education apportionment

Lutterworth Township council has lodged a protest over the apportionment of 1979 Haliburton County Board of Education levies.

Lutterworth's share of this year's approximately $4.8 million Board of Education budget is $203,066. Last year's levy to Lutterworth was $181,879.

The increase amounts to 11.7 percent, the highest increase in the county. Levies were up an average of 9.2 percent for all Haliburton County municipalities this year.

Jim Leworthy, business administrator for the board, said Monday that Lutterworth's assessment (the basis on which levies are apportioned to municipalities) has grown by 3.41 percent in the last year, compared to an overall assessment increase across the county of 1.8 percent. The assessment increase in Lutterworth has resulted in a corresponding increase in the portion of the total school board levy that Lutterworth has been asked to pay.

Lutterworth council, however, isn't satisfied that the apportionment is fair, and has decided to contest it.

"We're one of the smallest townships and we got the biggest whack," reeve Ron Gambell said Tuesday. "We feel we have to protest on behalf of the taxpayers."

Under the terms of the Education Act of 1974, a board of arbitarion consisting of all of the municipal clerk treasurers in the county will be called to consider the Lutterworth protest. That meeting is scheduled for May 17.

The arbitration board is empowered to adjust the apportionment if it agrees with Lutterworth's contention that the percentages are unfair. That isn't likely to happen however, because any change in the Lutterworth apportionment would result in an increase in the levies for other county municipalities.

Once the clerks hand down their decision, Lutterworth will have 30 days in which to file a further protest with the Ontario Municipal Board.

A number of such appeals have been launched in the past in Haliburton County, with little success.

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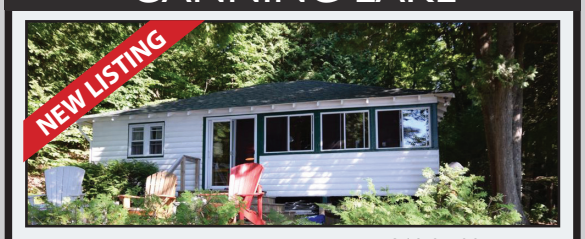

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